(b) if so, the details of the damages thereof; and

(c) whether Government have conducted any survey of the damage for waiving off land revenue from affected farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Calamities Relief Fund

1527. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount set apart for Calamity Relief Fund;

(b) the names of the states which have sought assistance from the fund and when;

(c) whether it is a fact that some states have complained about the inadequacy of the fund; and

(d) if so, steps taken to augment the fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) A Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) with an annual corpus of Rs. 804.00 crores has been constituted to enable the State Governments to undertake relief measures in the wake of natural calamities. The CRF is contributed by the Central and State Governments in the ratio of 3 : 1. The Central share of CRF is released to the State Governments in four quarterly instalments. A statement indicating the annual allocation of CRF to various States is enclosed (*see* below).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The 10th Finance Commission is reviewing the existing system of financing relief expenditure.

Statement

Contribution to Calamity Relief Fund of the States in each of the five years commencing from 1st April, 1990 Centre's Contribution and States Share

(in crores of Rupees)

States	Amount of Annual contribution to the Calamity Relief Fund of each State	Centres Contribution	States Share
1. Andhra Pradesh	86.00	64.50	21.50
2. Arunachal Pradesh	2.00	1.50	0.50
3. Assam	30.00	22.50	7.50
4. Bihar	35.00	26.25	8.75
5. Goa	1.00	0.75	0.25
6. Gujarat	85.00	63.75	21.25
7. Haryana	17.00	12.75	4.25
8. Himachal Pradesh	18.00	13.50	4.50
9. Jammu & Kashmir	12.00	8.00	3.00
10. Karnataka	27.00	20.25	6.75
11. Kerala	31.00	23.25	7.75
12. Madhya Pradesh	37.00	27.75	9.00
13. Maharashtra	44.00	33.00	11.00
14. Manipur	1.00	0.75	0.25
15. Meghalaya	2.00	1.50	0.50
16. Mizoram	1.00	0.75	0.25
17. Nagaland	1.00	0.75	0.25
18. Orissa	47.00	35.25	11.75

19. Punjab	28.00	21.00	7.00
20. Rajasthan	124.00	93.00	31.00
21. Sikkim	3.00	2.25	0.75
22. Tamil Nadu	39.00	29.25	9.75
23. Tripura	3.00	2.25	0.75
24. Uttar Pradesh	90.00	67.50	22.50
25. West Bengal	40.00	30.00	10.00
Total	804.00	603.00	201.00

Reduction in Wheat and Rice yielding area

1528. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a reduction in area under wheat and rice cultivation mainly in Punjab;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefore; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase yield of foodgrains ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In order to increase the production of foodgrains in different States including Punjab, the Government is implementing various central/centrally sponsored programmes viz., Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SFPP)—Wheat, Maize & Millets; Integrated Programme for Rice Development (IPRD); National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) etc.

Cultivation of cashewnuts in wastelands

1529. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have made suggestion to the State Governments to use wastelands to promote the cultivation of cashewnuts;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes; if any, to promote cultivation of cashew in wastelands;

(c) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh submitted a scheme for the promotion of cashew cultivation in Wastelands; and

(d) if so, what is its status ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) Ministry of Rural Development has made suggestion to State Governments to evolve appropriate policies and institutional mechanism for making available the wastelands in non-forest areas for promoting cashewnut plantations. At present there is no specific scheme to promote cultivation of cashew in wastelands. However, a Central Sector Programme for Integrated Development of Cashew in India is being implemented for increasing production and productivity of cashew in potential areas.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

कृषि अनुसंधान और शिक्षा के लिए धनराशि

1530. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने कृषि अनुसंधान और शिक्षा के लिए कम धनराशि आबंटित की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण है; और

(ग) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस संबंध में कितनी राशि आबंटित की गई और संवितरित की गई ?

गैर-पारम्परिक ऊर्जा स्त्रोत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री एस० कृष्ण कुमार) : (क) कृषि अनुसंधान तथा शिक्षा विभाग को आबंटित निधि उनकी बताई गई (प्रक्षिप्त) मांग से कम थीं परन्तु उनमें वर्षानुवर्ष उत्तरोत्तर बढ़ोत्तरी की गई है ।

(ख) निधि आबंटित करते समय मांग और सरकार के पास उपलब्ध संसाधनों, दोनों को ध्यान में रखा गया था ।

(ग) आबंटित राशि निम्नलिखित है :—